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In re Application of : OFFICE OF PETITIONS

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Application No. 10/706,110

Filed: November 12, 2003 : DECISION ON PETITION

Attorney Docket No. 03-0847 : PURSUANT TO

Title: METAL PROGRAMMABLE : 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(B)

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This is a decision on the petition filed February 20, 2008, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to submit the issue and publication fees in a timely manner in reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed November 6, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time are permitted for transmitting issue or publication fees<sup>1</sup>. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on February 7, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 7, 2008.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R.

<sup>1</sup> See MPEP § 710.02(e).

§ 1.17(m);

- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

With this petition, Petitioner has included the petition, issue, and publication fees, along with the proper statement of unintentional delay. As such, the first three requirements of Rule 1.137(b) have been met.

The fourth requirement of Rule 1.137(b) is not applicable, as a terminal disclaimer is not required.

It is noted that the address listed on the petition differs from the address of record. The application file does not indicate a change of correspondence address has been filed in this case, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If Petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the change of correspondence address must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision will be mailed to Petitioner. However, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the Petitioner will not receive future correspondence related to this application unless Change of Correspondence Address, Patent Form (PTO/SB/122) is submitted for the aboveidentified application. For Petitioner's convenience, a blank Change of Correspondence Address, Patent Form (PTO/SB/122), may be found at http://www.uspto.gov/web/forms/sb0122.pdf.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay<sup>2</sup>. In the event that such an inquiry

 $<sup>2 \</sup>times \underline{\text{See}}$  37 C.F.R. § 10.18(b); cf. Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997).

has not been made, Petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that the delay was intentional, Petitioner must notify the Office.

Pursuant to this decision, the Office of Patent Publication will be notified of this decision so that the present application can be processed into a patent.

Petitioner may find it beneficial to view Private PAIR within a fortnight of the present decision to ensure that the revival has been acknowledged by the Office of Patent Publication in response to this decision. It is noted that all inquiries with regard to any failure of that change in status should be directed to the Office of Patent Publication where that change of status must be effected - the Office of Petitions cannot effectuate a change of status.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)  $272-3225^3$ . All other inquiries concerning the status of the application should be directed to the Office of Patent Publication at 571-272-4200.

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<sup>3</sup> Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for any further action(s) of Petitioner.